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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

On page 1 of the specification, in the Background of the Invention, a reference to WO 99/43084 was made, and a copy of this reference is attached herewith along with U.S. Patent No. 6,722,030, which claims priority from the same German Application as the International Application. It is respectfully submitted that the specification distinguishes the claims over the teachings of these two references.

In the International Search Report dated May 15, 2003, U.S. Published Application US 2001/0009277 along with EP 0 896 427, Patent Abstracts

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of Japan for Japanese Application 07-111438 and WO 97/45955 were cited in Category X with regard to certain claims. Copies of these four references are attached herewith.

In the Search Report, EP 1 093 159 was cited in Category Y and EP 0 740 340 and EP 0 840 369 along with the article by Selmeier et al were cited in Category A, which is technical background. Copies of these four references are also attached herewith. Also attached herewith are U.S. Patent No. 6,528,924, which corresponds to WO 97/45955, and U.S. Patent No. 6,492,194, which is the U.S. equivalent of EP 1 093 159.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims of the present application are patentable over these references and are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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